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SUBJECT: GATT COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT

1. SUBJECT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN LOOSELY TARGETED TO MEET MAY 31
BUT IS MORE LIKELY CONVENE EARLY IN JUNE.

2. GATT SECRETARIAT HAS INFORMALLY PROVIDED US WITH AN ADVANCE
DRAFT COPY OF THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA. BEING POUCHED DIRECTLY
EB/OT/GCP (LYNN). AGENDA CONTAINS THE FAMILIAR ITEMS:

(1) REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PART IV, (2) DEVELOPMENTS IN
THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS OF INTEREST TO LDC'S,
(3) GATT SECRETARIAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LDC'S IN MTN,
(4) EXPANSION OF TRADE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, (5) OTHER
MATTERS.

3. ITEM 4, EXPANSION OF TRADE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
WILL BE ELABORATED BY A SECRETARIAT BACKGROUND NOTE YET TO BE
ISSUED. DRAFT AGENDA NOTES THAT AT ITS JANUARY 1977 MEETING,
THE COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES ASKED THE
SECRETARIAT TO INITIATE THE COLLECTION OF TECHNICAL
DATA THAT MAY BE HELPFUL IN ASSESSING THE PROSPECTS
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OF A NEW ROUND OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AMONG DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES. IN ADDITION TO PERTAINING TO EXISTING
INTRA-LDC TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, WE ASSUME THIS LATTER
REFERENCE IS RELATED TO PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE ARISEN IN
THE UNCTAD CONTEXT (GENEVA 902). WILL POUCH SECRETARIAT BACK-
GROUND NOTE WHEN ISSUED.

4. ITEM 1 ABOVE CONTAINS PROPOSAL TO ELABORATE GATT NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES, AND WE QUOTE THIS PART OF THE DRAFT TEXT AS FOLLOWS: "THE CURRENT NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES WERE ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE IN 1965 AT ITS SECOND SESSION (BISD 13TH SUPPLEMENT, PAGE 79) AND ELABORATED AT ITS MEETING IN JUNE 1966 (COM.TD/24). NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENTS ARE GENERALLY REQUESTED ON THE BASIS OF AN AIRGRAM CIRCULATED BY THE SECRETARIAT INDICATING THE TYPE OF INFORMATION WHICH SHOULD BE PROVIDED (E.G. GATT/AIR/1305 OF JULY 1976). ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS TO NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES AND DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT ARE REFLECTED IN VARIOUS REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH TOOK UP, FOR EXAMPLE, A RECOMMENDATION ON THIS MATTER IN THE SECOND REPORT OF THE GROUP OF THREE (BISD, 19TH SUPPLEMENT, PAGE 41). THE CONSIDERATION OF THE NOTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XXXVII:2, AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS IN JANUARY AND MARCH 1970 (COM.TD/73 AND COM.TD/76) MAY ALSO BE RELEVANT. IT MAY BE NOTED THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN VARIOUS AREAS OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COULD HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES IN GATT INCLUDING THOSE WITH RESPECT TO PART IV. MEMBERS MAY HAVE SOME FURTHER COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS TO MAKE ON THIS SUBJECT." SINCE U.S. HAS PROPOSED DISCUSSION OF IMPROVED NOTIFICATION CONSULTATION PROCEDURES IN BOTH MTN SAFEGUARDS AND FRAMEWORK GROUPS, WE AND MTN DEL SUGGEST U.S. TELL CTD WE MUCH PREFER PURSUE THE SUBJECT OF GATT NOTIFICATION THERE AND NOT DUPLICATE WORK IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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